

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the "Marked-up Version of the Claims" submitted herewith, wherein material to be added is underlined and material to be deleted is in brackets. Also submitted herewith is a "Clean Version of the Claims After the Amendments." These clean claims should replace the original claims.

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 3, 2003. Claims 2-4 and 39 are currently amended, and claims 1-47 are pending in this application.

PRIORITY

The Examiner requested that the Applicant amend the specification to contain a required sentence with specific reference to prior applications. Applicant by this response has amended the specification as requested.

DRAWINGS

The Examiner objected to the drawings. The Examiner stated that "the first free edge bent toward the first portion and the second free edge bent toward the second portion as defined in claims 1, 15, 24, 28, and 42 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s)." FIGS. 4-6 show a backing 114 with planar portions 138 and 140 and free edges 150 and 152. The free ends are bent 180 degrees toward portions 138 and 140 to form flanges 146 and 148. (See Original Specification at p. 11, lines 8-15). FIGS. 7-8 show a backing 214 with planar portions 238 and 240 and free edges 250 and 252. The free ends are inwardly bent toward portions 238 and 240 more than 90 degrees to form flanges 246 and 248.